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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment
Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2023-0028

Dear Mr. Scott:


Please find attached an amendment for North Carolina's State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for the Medical Assistance Program. The affected pages are Supplement 18 to Attachment 2.6A, Pages 1-6.

This State Plan Change will allow Medicaid to claim the enhanced federal medical assistance percentages (FMAP) for expenditures for the new Medicaid Expansion eligibility group. For the Medicaid Expansion eligibility group, North Carolina will receive an enhanced 90% FMAP rate upon implementation.

The proposed effective date of the SPA is October 01, 2023.

Your approval of this state plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Betty J. Staton at (919) 538-3215.

Sincerely,

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Jay Ludlam
Deputy Secretary

Enclosures

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act

State: North Carolina

METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICABLE FMAP RATES

The State will determine the appropriate FMAP rate for expenditures for individuals enrolled in the adult group described in 42 CFR 435.119 and receiving benefits in accordance with 42 CFR Part 440 Subpart C. The adult group FMAP methodology consists of two parts: an individual-based determination related to enrolled individuals, and as applicable, appropriate population-based adjustments.

Part 1 – Adult Group Individual Income-Based Determinations

For individuals eligible in the adult group, the state will make an individual income-based determination for purposes of the adult group FMAP methodology by comparing individual income to the relevant converted income eligibility standards in effect on December 1, 2009, and included in the MAGI Conversion Plan (Part 2) approved by CMS on 01/06/2017. In general, and subject to any adjustments described

in this SPA, under the adult group FMAP methodology, the expenditures of individuals with incomes below the relevant converted income standards for the applicable subgroup are considered as those for which the newly eligible FMAP is not available. The relevant MAGI-converted standards for each population group in the new adult group are described in Table 1.

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Table 1: Adult Group Eligibility Standards and FMAP Methodology Features

Covered Populations Within New Adult Group		Applicable Population Adjustment			
Population Group	Relevant Population Group Income Standard	Resource Proxy	Enrollment Cap	Special Circumstances	Other Adjustments
	<p>For each population group, indicate the lower of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reference in the MAGI Conversion Plan (Part 2) to the relevant income standard and the appropriate cross-reference, or 133% FPL. <p>If a population group was not covered as of 12/1/09, enter “Not covered”.</p>	<p>Enter “Y” (Yes), “N” (No), or “NA” in the appropriate column to indicate if the population adjustment will apply to each population group. Provide additional information in corresponding attachments.</p>			
A	B	C	D	E	F
Parents/Caretaker Relatives	Attachment A, Column C, Line 1 of Part 2 of the CMS approved MAGI Conversion Plan, including any subsequent CMS approved modifications to the MAGI Conversion Plan.	No	No	No	No
Disabled Persons, non-institutionalized	Attachment A, Column C, Line 2 of Part 2 of the CMS approved MAGI Conversion Plan, including any subsequent CMS approved modifications to the MAGI Conversion Plan.	No	No	No	No
Disabled Persons, institutionalized	Attachment A, Column C, Line 3 of Part 2 of the CMS approved MAGI Conversion Plan, including any subsequent CMS approved modifications to the MAGI Conversion Plan.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children Age 19 or 20	Attachment A, Column C, Line 4 of Part 2 of the CMS approved MAGI Conversion Plan, including any subsequent CMS approved modifications to the MAGI Conversion Plan.	No	No	No	No
Childless Adults	Attachment A, Column C, Line 5 of Part 2 of the CMS approved MAGI Conversion Plan, including any subsequent CMS approved modifications to the MAGI Conversion Plan.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Part 2 – Population-based Adjustments to the Newly Eligible Population Based on Resource Test, Enrollment Cap or Special Circumstances

A. Optional Resource Criteria Proxy Adjustment (42 CFR 433.206(d))

1. The state:

- Applies a resource proxy adjustment to a population group(s) that was subject to a resource test that was applicable on December 1, 2009.
- Does NOT apply a resource proxy adjustment (Skip items 2 through 3 and go to Section B).

Table 1 indicates the group or groups for which the state applies a resource proxy adjustment to the expenditures applicable for individuals eligible and enrolled under 42 CFR 435.119. A resource proxy adjustment is only permitted for a population group(s) that was subject to a resource test that was applicable on December 1, 2009.

The effective date(s) for application of the resource proxy adjustment is specified and described in Attachment B.

2. Data source used for resource proxy adjustments:

The state:

- Applies existing state data from periods before January 1, 2014.
- Applies data obtained through a post-eligibility statistically valid sample of individuals.

Data used in resource proxy adjustments is described in Attachment B.

3. Resource Proxy Methodology: Attachment B describes the sampling approach or other methodology used for calculating the adjustment.

B. Enrollment Cap Adjustment (42 CFR 433.206(e))

1. An enrollment cap adjustment is applied by the state (complete items 2 through 4).
- An enrollment cap adjustment is not applied by the state (skip items 2 through 4 and go to Section C).

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2. Attachment C describes any enrollment caps authorized in section 1115 demonstrations as of December 1, 2009 that are applicable to populations that the state covers in the eligibility group described at 42 CFR 435.119 and received full benefits, benchmark benefits, or benchmark equivalent benefits as determined by CMS. The enrollment cap or caps are as specified in the applicable section 1115 demonstration special terms and conditions as confirmed by CMS, or in alternative authorized cap or caps as confirmed by CMS. Attach CMS correspondence confirming the applicable enrollment cap(s).
3. The state applies a combined enrollment cap adjustment for purposes of claiming FMAP in the adult group:
 - Yes. The combined enrollment cap adjustment is described in Attachment C
 - No.
4. Enrollment Cap Methodology: Attachment C describes the methodology for calculating the enrollment cap adjustment, including the use of combined enrollment caps, if applicable.

C. Special Circumstances (42 CFR 433.206(g)) and Other Adjustments to the Adult Group FMAP Methodology

1. The state:
 - Applies a special circumstances adjustment(s).
 - Does not apply a special circumstances adjustment.
2. The state:
 - Applies additional adjustment(s) to the adult group FMAP methodology (complete item 3).
 - Does not apply any additional adjustment(s) to the adult group FMAP methodology (skip item 3 and go to Part 3).
3. Attachment D describes the special circumstances and other proxy adjustment(s) that are applied, including the population groups to which the adjustments apply and the methodology for calculating the adjustments.

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Part 3 – One-Time Transitions of Previously Covered Populations into the New Adult Group

A. Transitioning Previous Section 1115 and State Plan Populations to the New Adult Group

- Individuals previously eligible for Medicaid coverage through a section 1115 demonstration program or a mandatory or optional state plan eligibility category will be transitioned to the new adult group described in 42 CFR 435.119 in accordance with a CMS-approved transition plan and/or a section 1902(e)(14)(A) waiver. For purposes of claiming federal funding at the appropriate FMAP for the populations transitioned to new adult group, the adult group FMAP methodology is applied pursuant to and as described in Attachment E, and where applicable, is subject to any special circumstances or other adjustments described in Attachment D.
- The state does not have any relevant populations requiring such transitions.

Part 4 - Applicability of Special FMAP Rates

A. Expansion State Designation

The state:

- Does NOT meet the definition of expansion state in 42 CFR 433.204(b). (Skip section B and go to Part 5)
- Meets the definition of expansion state as defined in 42 CFR 433.204(b), determined in accordance with the CMS letter confirming expansion state status, dated _____.

B. Qualification for Temporary 2.2 Percentage Point Increase in FMAP.

The state:

- Does NOT qualify for temporary 2.2 percentage point increase in FMAP under 42 CFR 433.10(c)(7).
- Qualifies for temporary 2.2 percentage point increase in FMAP under 42 CFR 433.10(c)(7), determined in accordance with the CMS letter confirming eligibility for the temporary FMAP increase, dated _____. The state will not claim any federal funding for individuals determined eligible under 42 CFR 435.119 at the FMAP rate described in 42 CFR 433.10(c)(6).

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Part 5 - State Attestations

The State attests to the following:

- A. The application of the adult group FMAP methodology will not affect the timing or approval of any individual's eligibility for Medicaid.
- B. The application of the adult group FMAP methodology will not be biased in such a manner as to inappropriately establish the numbers of, or medical assistance expenditures for, individuals determined to be newly or not newly eligible.

ATTACHMENTS

Not all of the attachments indicated below will apply to all states; some attachments may describe methodologies for multiple population groups within the new adult group. Indicate those of the following attachments which are included with this SPA:

- Attachment A – Conversion Plan Standards Referenced in Table 1
- Attachment B – Resource Criteria Proxy Methodology
- Attachment C – Enrollment Cap Methodology
- Attachment D – Special Circumstances Adjustment and Other Adjustments to the Adult Group FMAP Methodology
- Attachment E – Transition Methodologies

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